

Comment on the Department of Energy's Recommendation of the Yucca Mountain Site



My comments on the Yucca Mountain Project are as follows:

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- ☐ Decision documents are incomplete without a full analysis of transportation impacts.
- ☐ All spent fuel disposal alternatives should be thoroughly studied prior to a site recommendation decision.
- ☐ A "flexible" set of evolving design scenarios with variable operational modes is insufficient for a suitability decision.
- ☐ The design should contain waste within the repository as long as it remains hazardous to people and the environment.
- ☐ A site recommendation should not be made until the comments made by the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement have been adequately addressed and released for public review.

~~XX~~ Other HAZARDS IN TRANSPORTING NUCLEAR WASTE

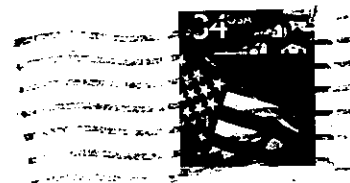
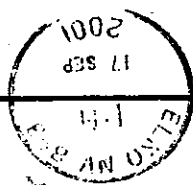
Comments:

The Department of Energy has released the *Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation* for a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain for public review and comment. This is the final opportunity citizens will have to voice their concerns before the Secretary of Energy makes his recommendation to the president. DOE is required to consider all comments submitted regarding the impacts of building and operating a repository, including transportation.

My comments are: THE REAL DANGER IS THE TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE EITHER BY TRUCK
OR RAIL. TWO OF THE MOST RECENT RAIL INCIDENTS WERE OF A TRAIN STUCK IN AN
UNDERPASS OR TUNNEL UNTIL IT BURNED ITSELF OUT SEVERAL DAYS LATER. ANOTHER WAS
AN EXPLODING TANK CAR OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. WE HAVE HAD TWO DERAILMENTS HERE
AT THE SITE OF THE CARLIN ROUTE SPUR JUNCTION IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. IN MY FIFT
OF RESCUE WORK I HAVE SEEN JUST ABOUT EVERY TYPE OF HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING
TRUCKS KNOWN, INCLUDING TRUCK-TRAIN ACCIDENTS. IN THE PAST THREE YEARS AS A
FLAGGER ON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, I HAVE SEEN THREE TRUCK INVOLVED INJURY ACCIDENT
WITH A TOTAL OF ELEVEN INJURIES. THESE WERE AT FLAGGER CONTROLLED AREAS WHERE
TRAFFIC WAS UNDER STRICT CONTROL. MOST ACCIDENTS WERE CAUSED BY DRIVERS FALLING
ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL. AFTER THE WORLD TRADE CENTER INCIDENT, EVERYTHING IS AT
RISK OF TERRORISM. OH YES, HOW ABOUT THE COLLISION AND DERAILMENT OF AN AMTRACK
TRAIN VERSUS FREIGHT TRAIN NEAR WENDOVER UTAH JUST THIS AFTERNOON, ARTICLE
ENCLOSED, A TWO MAN BAZOOKA TEAM COULD CAUSE AS MUCH DAMAGE AND AT A COST AS
GREAT AS THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, BY PICKING THE RIGHT SPOT. THINK ABOUT IT!!!

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Deadline:
Comments must be received by
Thursday, September 20, 2001

DOE: Please add my comments to the official record. Here is my name, address, and signature

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